

**GREATER ALBUQUERQUE RECREATIONAL
TRAILS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 19, 2013
4:00 pm

1801 4th Street NW, Albuquerque, NM
Large Conference Room

Members Present: John Thomas, Ian Maddieson, Gary W. Kelly, Anita Kelly, Warren Wild, William Schimberg, Valerie Cole

Members Absent: Guy Miller

Advisory Members Present: None

Staff Members Present: James Lewis, (COA - Parks and Recreation - GARTC Staff), Susannah Abbey (COA, Open Space)

Staff Members Absent: None

Visitors Present: John Barncastle, Jackie Bouker

Call to Order and Introductions

Chairperson Ian Maddieson called the meeting to order at 4:07.

Approval of March 19, 2013 Agenda

Motion: Valerie Cole moved to approve the agenda, Second by Gary Kelly, Unanimously Approved 6-0.

Approval of February 19, 2013 Minutes

Motion: Anita Kelly moved to approve the minutes with amendments needed. Second by Warren Wild; all in favor. (Motion passes 6-0)..

Note: Bill Schimberg arrived at 4:13 pm

Announcements

Ian announced that the Bear Canyon Bridge is open.

James announced that there is MRCOG webinar on "effective advisory groups" and he would send the contact info to GARTC.

Staff Reports

Susannah Abbey – Open Space Report – Spring Clean ups begin in April. Susannah brought flyers for the clean-ups and the first will be at the Route 66/Tijeras Arroyo Open Space and each Saturday in April will be a new Open Space area in the foothills.

Special events permitting. No competitive races will be allowed on multi-use trails. Fun Runs are still permitted. Barelvas Pedestrian Bridge update. Santa Fe Ave. and 12th st. area. Bridge will go over MRGCD ditch. Open Space will maintain and Cultural Services will maintain the lighting.

James Lewis- Strategic Planning and Design- Explained the design and construction of Bear Canyon Arroyo Trail Phase I from west of the Arroyo del Oso Golf Course to Wyoming blvd. James explained that he has been working with the design contractors and bollards will be built to City and AASHTO standards. Found that the recovery areas are two feet and a sharp drop off toward the street occurs in two sections. James brought this up to construction contractors and they reported they cannot make the slope less steep without reworking and manipulating the street itself.

Public Comment – John Barncastle discussed Vassar/Lomas crossing. This is a crossing that pedestrians use midblock that is not an official crossing but is convenient for users going from central to northern UNM campus. Bike lanes being closed along Osuna in certain spots at the Bear Canyon Arroyo Golf Course where the multi-use trail is being built. James brought this up at the following construction meeting and the problem should be resolved.

Update Items

Trails and Bikeways Plan update and Status: James discussed the current status of the Plan. Susan Kelly and Diane Scena are contractor and subcontractor, respectively. They will begin interviews in March and plan on attending GARTC and GABAC in April and May.

Chicane: James received the chicane details from Kelly Shaw at DMD and sent the details to Jerry Lovato at AMAFCA. Jerry received the drawings and engineering details. Anita would like James to send the details of the chicane to her. James sent these to Anita after this meeting. **Motion: Anita moved to have GARTC members initiate a follow up meeting with Jerry Lovato and AMAFCA regarding access and chicanes. Second by Gary Kelly. Motion passes, all in favor 7-0.**

Discussion, Action Items:

Trails in Need of Renovation Staff/GARTC: James asked GARTC to send comments regarding what multi-use trails need renovations and repaving throughout the region prior to the meeting. James received a few emails and comments back. James created an excel list of projects and gave everyone a copy. Not prioritized as of this meeting. James will work on finding the top five projects by next meeting for projects needed for renovation for work over the next few years. Jackie noted that equestrians need a nice area on the side of the Paseo del Norte trail to ride.

Bollards:

Bollard Sub-Committee Report (GARTC):


John Thomas noted that he attended GABAC in March. Nothing on bollards but John stated that GABAC wanted to know about the Trails and Bikeways Plan status. James provided Jim Arrowsmith a page of detailed information regarding the Plan status and bollard information that never reached the GABAC members for this meeting.

GARTC created, by motion, a bollard subcommittee in February of 2013 including John Thomas, Gary Kelly, and Anita Kelly.

Adjourn: Ian Maddieson made a Motion to adjourn. Second by Anita Kelly. All in favor; motion passes 7-0 at 5:48 pm.

The foregoing GARTC minutes from the March 19, 2013 GARTC meeting have been approved as written or with noted comments on April 16, 2013.

Chairperson – Ian Maddieson



21st May 2013

Date

Prepared by: James Lewis



5/21/2013

Date